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Tool Enormous Risks To Parachute Supplies To Garrison

By A United Press Correspondent

Saigon, Sept. 28. Brig-Gen. Christian de Castries told for the first time today his own story of the epic battle of Dien Bien Phu, with special tribute to civilian American pilots who "flew right into the mouths" of Red artillery to supply his troops.

They took enormous risks parachuting supplies, he said. "They flew right into the mouths of the Communist anti-aircraft artillery, sometimes zooming over just 300 metres, less than 1,000 feet, above us. They prolonged our resistance for three weeks."

General de Castries gave me his story in an exclusive interview in Saigon's downtown Hotel Continental bar. With him was his Second-in-Command, Colonel Pierre Langlais.

From them and another officer recently released from a Red prison camp, I learned of Dien Bien Phu's last days and of the march North into Communist imprisonment. The officers admitted frankly that there was cowardice as well as exceptional bravery among the 11,000 men of the garrison.

General de Castries also told of Red brutality.

DIED ON THE MARCH
He said the Communists made some of the prisoners walk 420 miles to their final detention camps, carrying their own provisions (sacks of rice). Of one group of 200 men, only 120 arrived alive, he said, and he added: "That's why 40 per cent of the Dien Bien Phu prisoners have never been returned."

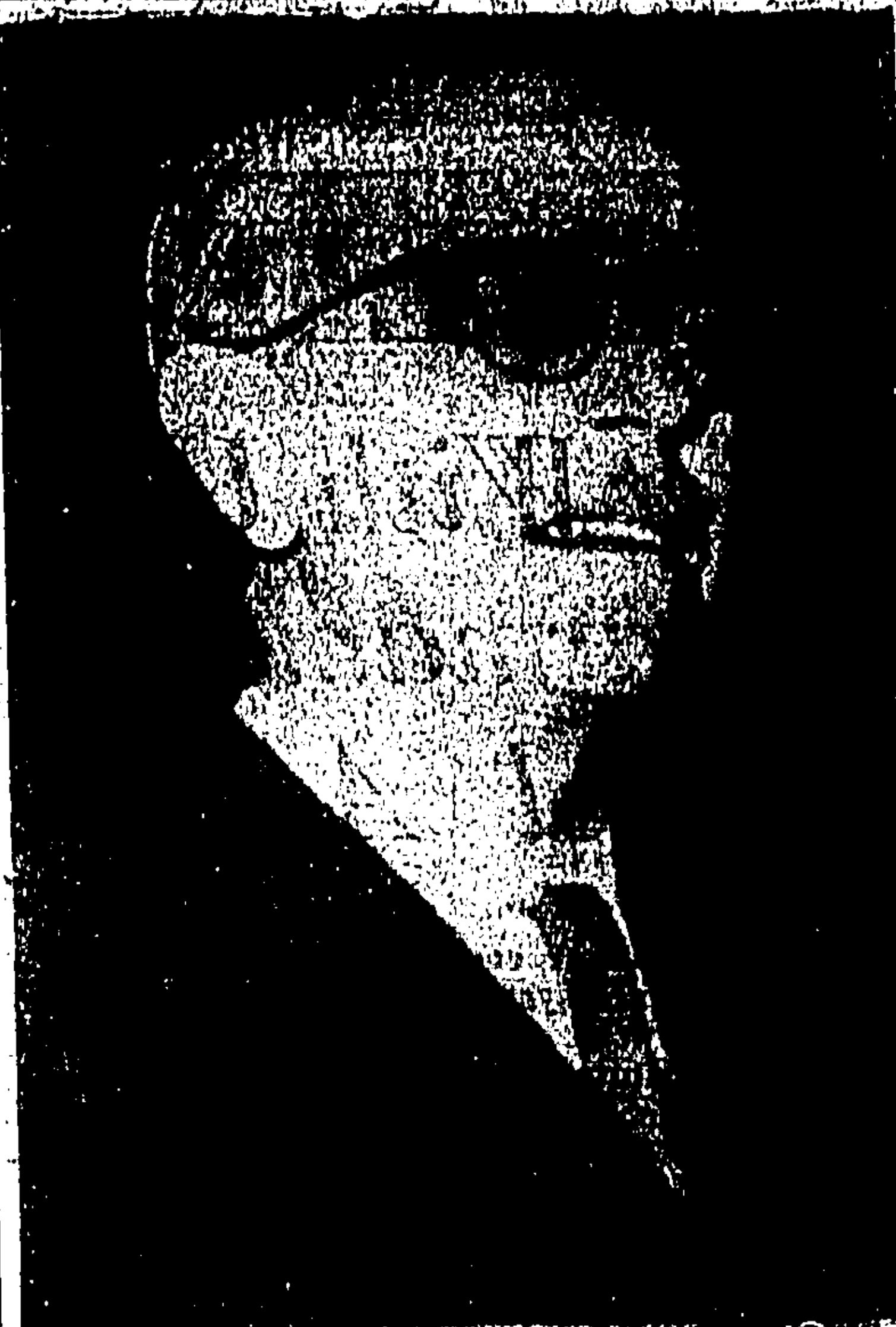
General de Castries also revealed why he and his men held out so long against overwhelming odds.

"We felt the fate of the whole eight-year Indo-China war rested on us," he said.

Colonel Langlais, who led resistance in the central redoubt, cut in: "We wanted to hold out, not to win—that was impossible—but to make it an even match—zero-zero. Our hope was not held from the outside."

THROUGH FIRE
General de Castries gave special praise to the retired American General Claire Chennault, whose Civil Air Transport Company pilots brought their big planes to Dien Bien Phu through enemy fire.

The French hired 24 US civilian pilots from General Chennault's C.A.T. when their own hard-pressed Air Force proved inadequate to supply Dien Bien Phu.—United Press.



Signor Gaetano Martino, who has been appointed Italy's new Foreign Minister following the resignation of Signor Piccioni. He is 54 years old, a Liberal, and was Minister of Education. Signor Piccioni's resignation was due to attacks concerning the Wilma Montesi scandal, in which his son Piero is involved.—Express Photo.

Israel Should Make Concessions

Jerusalem, Sept. 28. Speaking from a Jordan broadcasting station in Arab Jerusalem, Mr Alfred M. Lilienthal, a non-Zionist American author, today called upon the "moderates in Israel to force their Government to make concessions to the interest of justice and peace in the Holy Land."

In an unprecedented Jewish New Year's Day interview, Mr Lilienthal declared: "There might be room in the Middle East for an Israeli State, but there is no place for an expanding Jewish State tied to world Zionism."

"De-Zionising Israel might possibly bring co-existence. Observers of traditional universal Judaism can only deplore the misery of nearly 1,000,000 Arab refugees."

"The do-nothing policy regarding these displaced persons has placed an atomic bomb in a strategic area whose security is vital to the West."

Mr Lilienthal, author of the book "What Erics Israel?" is concluding an 11-week tour of all the Arab countries. In Jordan he visited refugee camps, villages along the Israeli frontier including Kibya and Nahalin, and was received by King Hussein.—United Press.

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FOREIGN FIRMS IN CHINA

Overseas British Investments

Washington, Sept. 28. Mr. R. A. Butler, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, said today the United Kingdom was so constructing its economic policy that it could continue to invest substantially overseas, particularly in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Butler was outlining a statement prepared for a discussion on the prospects for private international investment at the World Bank meeting here.

"The resumption of the United Kingdom's traditional lending for development overseas, at so early a stage after the disruptive effects of a shattering war was largely made possible by the rapid recovery of its production helped by the generous assistance of the United States and Canada," he said.

TOO EARLY

Mr. Butler said it was too early yet to think in terms of complete freedom of movement of capital.

"That comes only after other freedoms such as freedom to convert one currency into another and freedom of trade from quota restrictions—both of which would greatly stimulate international capital movement," he said.

"We intend to press forward with these objectives."

Mr. Butler said he had no wish to encourage reckless lending or borrowing. Transactions of that kind would do more harm than good.

He added: "But it is clear that overseas investment is the imaginative path forward for the statesmen of the free world, and that fullest and best use of international capital resources which are available is not yet being made."

ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT

"It is for governments generally and finance ministers in particular to see that improvements are made to encourage foreign investment, particularly private investment."

Mr. George Humphrey, United States Secretary of the Treasury, said the free world must be ever mindful of the extremely low standards of living in many parts of the globe and must co-operate in every practical way to bring modern science, tools and technology to bear on this problem.

But he added that private investment was no made for philanthropic reasons but for profit, on principles, that were safe. Restrictions, jeopardizing of her principal or receipt of income, slowed down investment from outside.

The prime factor which would keep American capital flowing overseas was confidence in the country seeking investment, he added.—Reuter.

ADVANTAGE OF POSITION

Tanjongmalim, Malaya, Sept. 28. Being a sanitary inspector has its advantages. Au Wei was found guilty in court here of smoking opium.

He would normally have been sentenced to a month in jail. But when the court president was told that Au Wei was the only sanitary inspector in the district he fined Au Wei 100 Malayan dollars (£11 sterling) instead.—China Mail Special.

Gale Batters British Honduras

Belize, Br. Honduras, Sept. 28.

Wide areas in Southern British Honduras were virtually isolated from the rest of the country today after being swept by a tropical storm yesterday.

Full reports of the damage wrought by the storm, named Gilda, were unavailable but it was indicated that the area around Stann Creek, a port town serving a lush citrus fruit valley, suffered severely.

Communications with Stann Creek were down but preliminary reports filtering in indicated that the citrus crop might have suffered as much as US\$1,000,000 damages.

The Catholic church in Stann Creek was wrecked, the roof of a school building was blown off, windows of a convent were smashed and nine dwellings were destroyed. No loss of life had been reported so far.

BOAT FOUND

In Belize, a pleasure boat with 14 persons aboard was found after being missing for 36 hours. It had taken shelter in a cove during the storm.

At least two persons were reported dead in neighbouring Honduras as a result of destructive floods in the wake of the hurricane. The train service was suspended and all wire communications were down there. More than 3,000 acres of farmland were reported submerged.

A woman and a girl were reported drowned in the San Pedro Sula area of the Honduran North Coast. President Juan Manuel Galvez went to San Pedro Sula to take personal charge of rescue operations.

The port of Jara, on Lake Yojoa, was submerged partly as the waters of the lake were backed up by strong winds. Scores of families were marooned.—United Press.

'Business As Usual' According To A British Authority INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS MEETING

Kyoto, Sept. 28.

A British authority on China said today the slogan of foreign firms in Communist China was "business as usual," according to a spokesman of the 12th International Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, meeting here.

The spokesman said the British delegate to the IPR conference told a round table conference discussion on economic problems of mainland China that the "interesting aspect" of modern China was that the Communist regime had not found it necessary to carry out any nationalisation since it came to power.

The delegate said the Nationalist regime under Chiang Kai-shek had already carried out an extensive nationalisation programme and the Communists had so far found it unnecessary to carry out any more.

The spokesman said the delegate did not mention any figures for the number or nature of industries already nationalised in China. He said the Central Government agencies strictly controlled the price of raw materials and taxation.

The International conference of the IPR, which was attended by about 100 delegates from Britain, the United States, France, Australia, Canada, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Japan, opened yesterday.

The conference theme is raising living standards in Asia. The main conference activity is conducted at three round table discussion groups behind closed doors. The Institute imposes a strict rule of anonymity for any views expressed during discussions.

U.S. REPRESENTED
The British delegates to the round table discussing China included Mr. G. E. Marden, Chairman of Wheelock Marden of Hong Kong.

After the China round table, then discussion developed to the wider topic of trade with China and particularly Japanese trade with China, which has been hotly mooted in this country as a possible factor to help solve Japan's economic crisis.

A Japanese delegate said if China trade was "completely free" without restrictions on the sale of strategic goods, Japan's

**AWL Penalties
Doubled In
U.S. Forces**
Denver, Sept. 28. President Eisenhower today substantially increased the punishment for members of the armed forces absent without leave.

Most AWL penalties were doubled by executive order and circumstances for granting dishonourable discharges were widened. Asked whether the tougher policy toward AWL service personnel was caused by an increase in desertions, the White House conceded that "reforms were needed."

For example, under the new order more than 30 days of absence can result in dishonourable discharge and one year in prison. Under previous regulation, the dishonourable discharge and prison term could not be applied until after 60 days of unauthorized absence.—United Press.

**Complications
If B.O.A.C.
Land At Perth**
Canberra, Sept. 28. Australia's Minister of Civil Aviation, Mr. Athol Townley said today there would be "complications" if British Overseas Airways Corporation aircraft entered Australia through Perth instead of Darwin.

Replying to a questioner in the House of Representatives, the Minister said B.O.A.C. and the Australian Government's Qantas Empire planes come through Darwin.

On the route they did not interfere with Australia's domestic airlines. If they came through Perth, there would be complications, small being one of the matters involved.

The question is believed to have arisen from the statement in B.O.A.C.'s annual report published last week that the airline had been given a licence to fly to Perth from London.

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Mr. Hutchison, British Under-Secretary for War, former Liaison Agent with the French Resistance, talks to his old resistance companions at the ceremony of unveiling of the monument at Nevers (Central France).—Express Photo.

Suez Canal Ship Incident Timed For Nutting's Visit

DELIBERATE ISRAELI CHALLENGE

Jerusalem, Sept. 28. A small Israeli cargo ship, the 500-ton Bat Galim, today tried to force its way through the Suez Canal in defiance of the Egyptians—but was seized at the point where the canal meets the Red Sea.

Observers here regarded this first Israeli attempt to run the blockade as a deliberate challenge timed for the eve of the arrival of Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Foreign Under-Secretary, in Cairo for the final phase of canal zone negotiations.

Hitherto Israeli firms have employed only vessels flying foreign flags for Suez traffic. The Israeli Government has instructed its delegation at the United Nations to lodge a strong protest in the Security Council.

BASIC QUESTION
One delegate, the spokesman said, raised the basic question: Does China really want to increase trade with non-Communist nations as an economic necessity, or was talk of increase trade inspired by political motives?

The spokesman said no delegate volunteered a reply.

The spokesman said the only notable disagreement raising from the discussion was between one party which said China trade was not essential to Japan and another which maintained that without China trade Japan would lose a valuable market to cover the present trade deficit.

Other discussions covered "democratic forces" in Asia with a special reference to the status of women, youths and labour organisations, and the "reverse course" of Democracy in Asia.

This discussion ranged over the question of Formosa. "Third of Japan's policies and the rebirth of Japan as a defence force and the Zaiabaru (giant industrial companies).

YOUNG PEOPLE
One discussion agreed that young people in most countries adopted extreme left-wing ideas. But those were not to be taken too seriously. It was best to refrain from "short-sighted counter-measures and allow students and others to mature into 'responsible democratic citizens'."

A British delegate from Malaysia questioned the validity of the concept of the "one-man, one-vote type Democracy" in Asia. The spokesman said, on the grounds that illiteracy was still widespread and true Democracy should rest on the well-informed public.

Other delegates replied that the principle of Democracy should be encouraged in spite of immediate shortcomings. The spokesman expected discussion groups would analyse the problem further in a later meeting.

Another group in the discussion of Formosa concluded it was not possible for the island of Formosa to be returned to the control of mainland China. At the same time any Communist attempt to occupy Formosa would cause a serious crisis.

In the absence of any clear solution some delegates advocated the adoption of the former British proposal that Formosa be nominated as a mandated territory under United Nations control.—Reuter.

Adenauer To Visit U.S.
Washington, Sept. 28. German officials here said today they expected to host Adenauer (the West German Chancellor) to arrive in the United States on October 28 for a four-day visit.

Mr. Adenauer will receive an honorary degree from Columbia University, New York, and will also visit the White House.

Alleged Int'l Espionage Syndicate

Tokyo, Sept. 28.

The national daily Yomiuri Shinbun said today the Japanese were investigating what was believed to be a "large international spying and black-market and drug syndicate" operating in Japan.

The paper said three groups had been linked into one huge ring as a result of testimony by Yuri A. Rustovov, former NKVD Colonel at the Russian Mission, who fled to the United States.

NOT SIMPLE AFFAIR

The paper said the Rustovov case was not a "simple spy affair," but actually large-scale intrigue, aimed at disrupting Japan's economy through blackmarketing in currency and drug trading.

The paper said the police in Kobe and Osaka, Western Japan, today raided six places in search of evidence against the blackmarket section of the ring.

The paper reported the syndicate was believed to include Japanese, Russians, Chinese, Americans, British, Turks, Israelis and Thais.

—Reuter.

Czechs Outline Dangers Of Arming Germany

Vienna, Sept. 28.

Czechoslovakia today sent a note to France saying that permission given to Germany to rearm after the first world war had led to German occupation of countries in the East and West, Prague Radio reported.

Copies of the note were addressed to Britain, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Denmark and Yugoslavia.

It asked them not to neglect any possibility for reaching agreement on a collective security system embracing all European countries, "including a united democratic and peace-loving Germany."

The note was handed over to the representatives of the seven countries at Prague today by Mrs. Gertruda Sekanivova-Clrtova, the Czechoslovak deputy Foreign Minister.

It said remilitarisation of West Germany as planned by the United States could only lead to increased tension in Europe.

This would result in new aggression "not only against the East but also against the West."

The note added that there were already 420,000 men under arms in West Germany where it said industry was being planned up as "war plants."

DANGERS AHEAD

The dangers of a re-militarised Germany would be to lead to a new world war, the note said. It said that the danger of a new world war was not only a danger to the German people but also a danger to the peace of the world.

—Reuter.

LED TO MUNICH
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Guatemala Communists Butchered Prisoners

Washington, Sept. 28. A House sub-committee was told today that Communists in Guatemala butchered political prisoners to make them talk.

Raul Midence, member of the Liberation Army that overthrew Guatemala's Red regime last June, said the Communists also practised torture as a means of keeping the people in a state of fear.

He told the House group, which is studying Red aggression practices, that 99 cases of torture and murder had been prepared against former government officials. He said the Reds lopped off the ears of prisoners, slashed their faces and mutilated their genitals.

PARADE OF DOCTORS

"There was a constant parade of doctors in and out of the prison, examining boys who had been damaged by the torture," he said.

He added that examination of bodies disclosed that 300 anti-Communist prisoners had been shot or tortured. He said another 100 anti-Communist were still missing.

Another witness, Lionel Sishiga Otero, told the sub-committee that by the time of the June revolution the Communists had gained control over Guatemala's agriculture, labour and schools.

He said the Guatemalan Communists had an "ambitious programme" in collaboration with the Soviet Union to seize control of all four of the neighbouring Central American Republics.—United Press.

NUTTING IN CAIRO

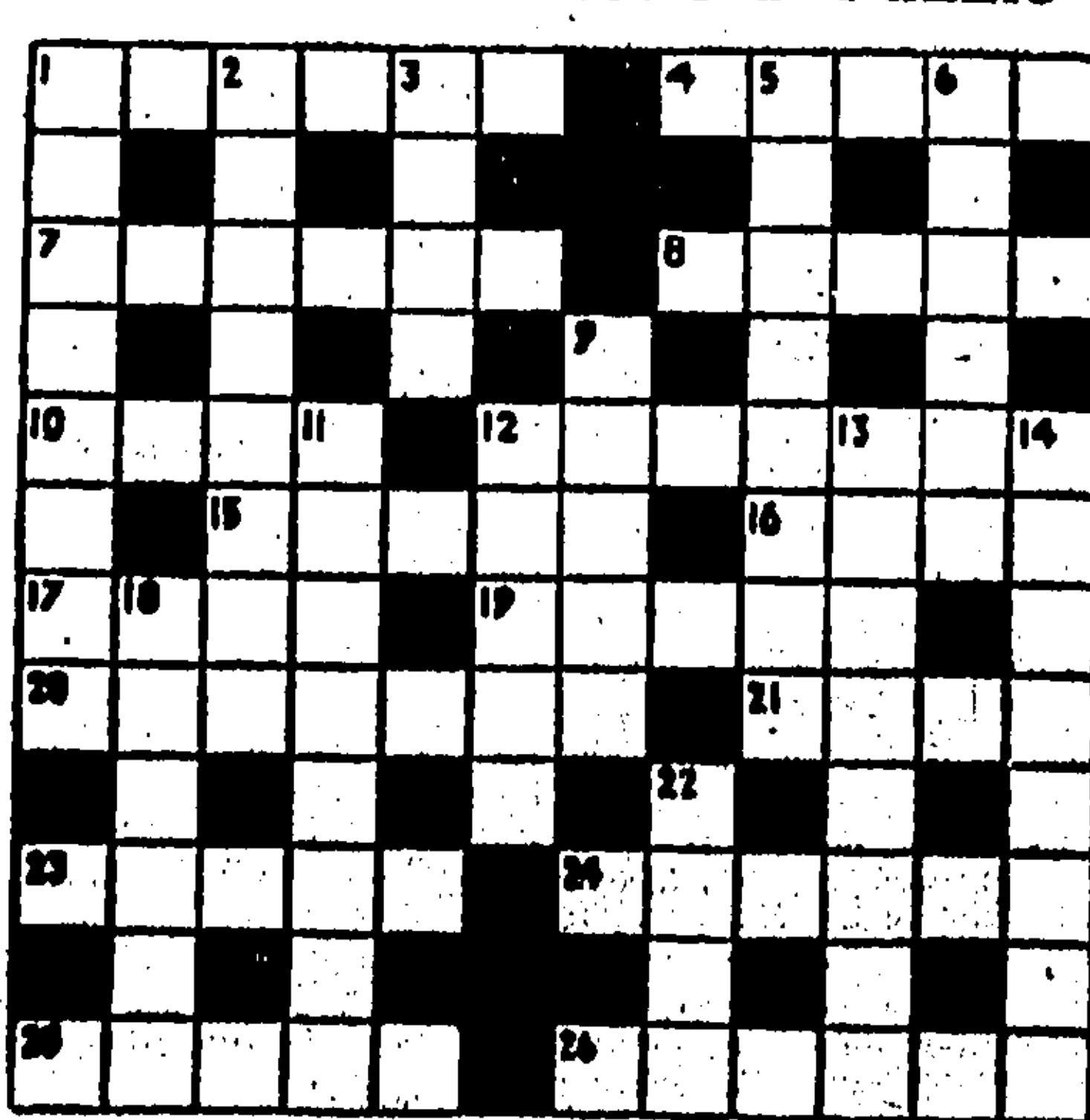
Cairo, Sept. 28.

Mr. Anthony Nutting, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the British Foreign Office, arrived this evening by air from London.

He told reporters "it is vital that he had come to take part in what he hoped would be the last phase of negotiations on the Anglo-Egyptian Suez Canal zone treaty."

He said certain points had yet to be settled but he hoped a satisfactory solution would soon be found.—France-Press.

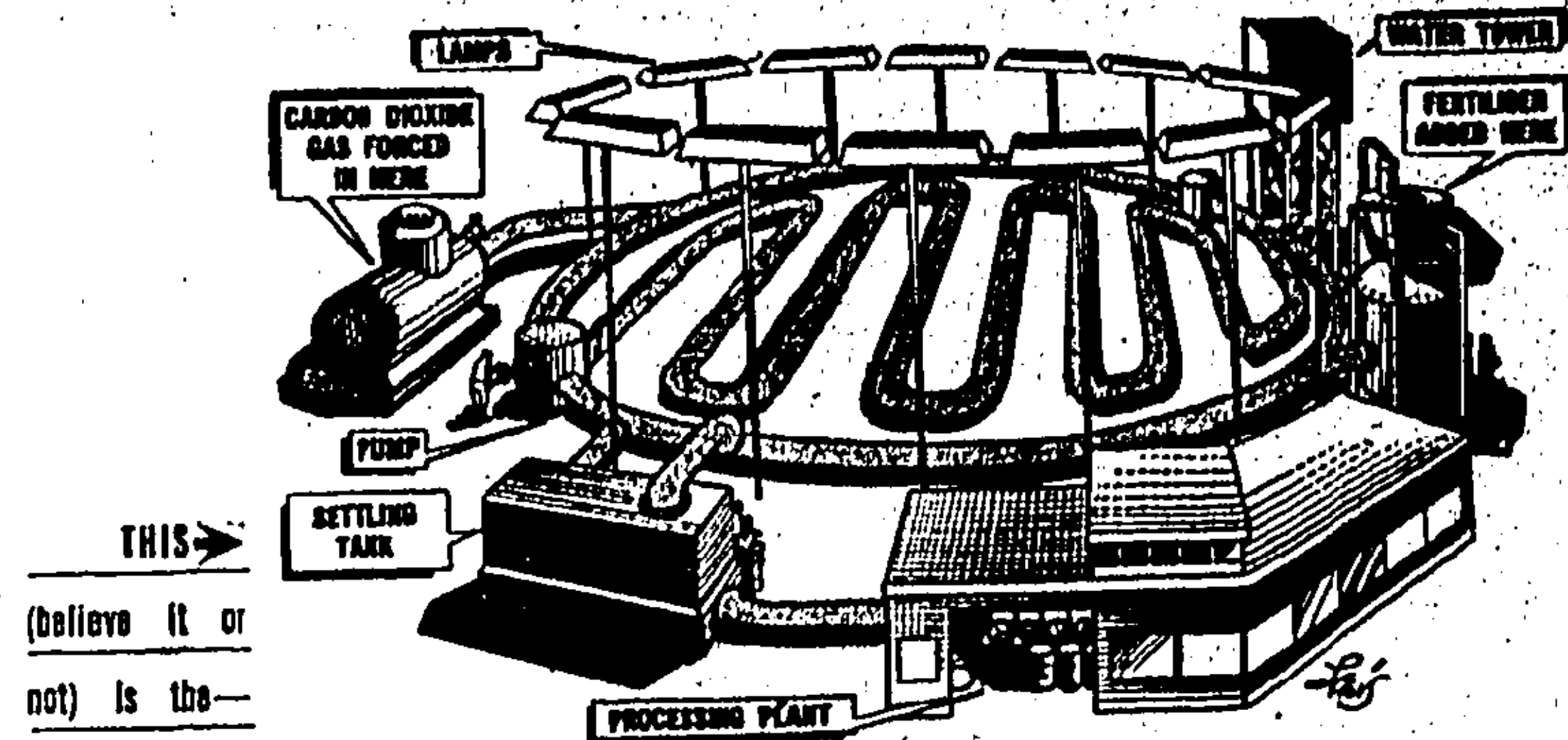
A British Crossword Puzzle



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- Load (6).
 - Stanza (5).
 - Wood (6).
 - Lukewarm (6).
 - Year (4).
 - Bullfighter (7).
 - Lure (5).
 - Woary (4).
 - Poems (4).
 - Let down (6).
 - Sailor (7).
 - Demonstrative (5).
 - Heistate (6).
 - Necessitous (5).
 - Most unpleasant (6).
- DOWN**
- Place for abortions (8).
 - Mental log (8).
 - Always (4).
 - Lifted (6).
 - Swain (6).
 - Civil head (5).
 - Flashed (6).
 - Breakwaters (5).
 - Business chief (6).
 - Put back (8).
 - Hang down (6).
 - Lower part of room wall (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Drugging; 2. Bolster; 3. Absolved; 4. Embowed; 5. Edge; 6. Aided; 7. Curve; 8. Knew; 9. Delirious; 10. Confused; 11. Gorge; 12. Lament; 13. Down; 14. Abhor; 15. Clubs; 16. Drizzle; 17. Robs; 18. Dots; 19. Laved; 20. Dredge; 21. Sewer; 22. Muzzle; 23. Deposited; 24. Pledge; 25. Pinned; 26. Vogue; 27. Towed; 28. Duce; 29. Vile.

BUT... where are the ~~ELECTRONIC~~ cows?



Farm of the Future—all souped up

THE drawing above shows the farm of the future—as visualised by an eminent botanist, Professor William Pearsall, at the British Association meeting in Oxford.

It is a farm run like a factory. A farm where all operations are independent of the weather and where there are no pests or diseases to ravage the crops.

Instead of sowing grain, grass, or vegetables the farmer specialises in growing countless millions of minute water plants which build up food for humans and animals many times faster than any ordinary crops.

Here is the process of "factory farming" as foreseen by Professor Pearsall and other scientists.

Water "seeded" with a few of the minute plants is pumped ceaselessly through long coiled tubes made of transparent plastic. In this way the plants are exposed to the maximum amount of

Beautiful soup! With added vitamins, or any other substance! ... Beautiful soup!

SO sang the Mock Turtle to Alice, in Wonderland. The scientists of today, creating a new wonderland, sing the praises of a new kind of soup... the kind they want to "grow" in the farms-of-the-future. Here they are, described for you by—

CHAPMAN PINCHER

sunlight so that they grow and multiply rapidly.

In a few days the liquid circulating in the pipes looks like thick pea-soup and is enormously rich in fat, protein, and starchy nutriment. The plants are fed with large amounts of liquid fertilisers pumped through the pipes. As the air in the pipes is also "fertilised" with carbon dioxide gas, their growth is boosted far beyond anything possible in a normal atmosphere.

Food production could be continued round the clock by using electric light at night.

When the "soup" is thick enough it is run off into a settling tank. After being "harvested" here the crop is frozen or canned and later processed into edible, appetising food.

All this is far more than a scientist's pipe dream.

Pilot-scale "farms" of this type are already in operation in America, Japan, and Holland. In Britain much promising laboratory work has been accomplished.

Special strains of a nutritious water-plant called *Chlorella*, which produces enormous yields, have been developed. These plants could be kept free from disease simply by adding a small amount of penicillin or some similar drug to the water in the pipes.

The scientists are now searching for similar plants which grow in hot springs. They think that by running a "factory farm" at high temperature even greater yields of food could be obtained.

Meal Tests

Professor Pearsall believes that industrialisation of farms in this way may be essential to feed the fast-increasing population of the world. Under the present system of agriculture, farmers are using only a minute fraction of the sun's energy falling on their fields.

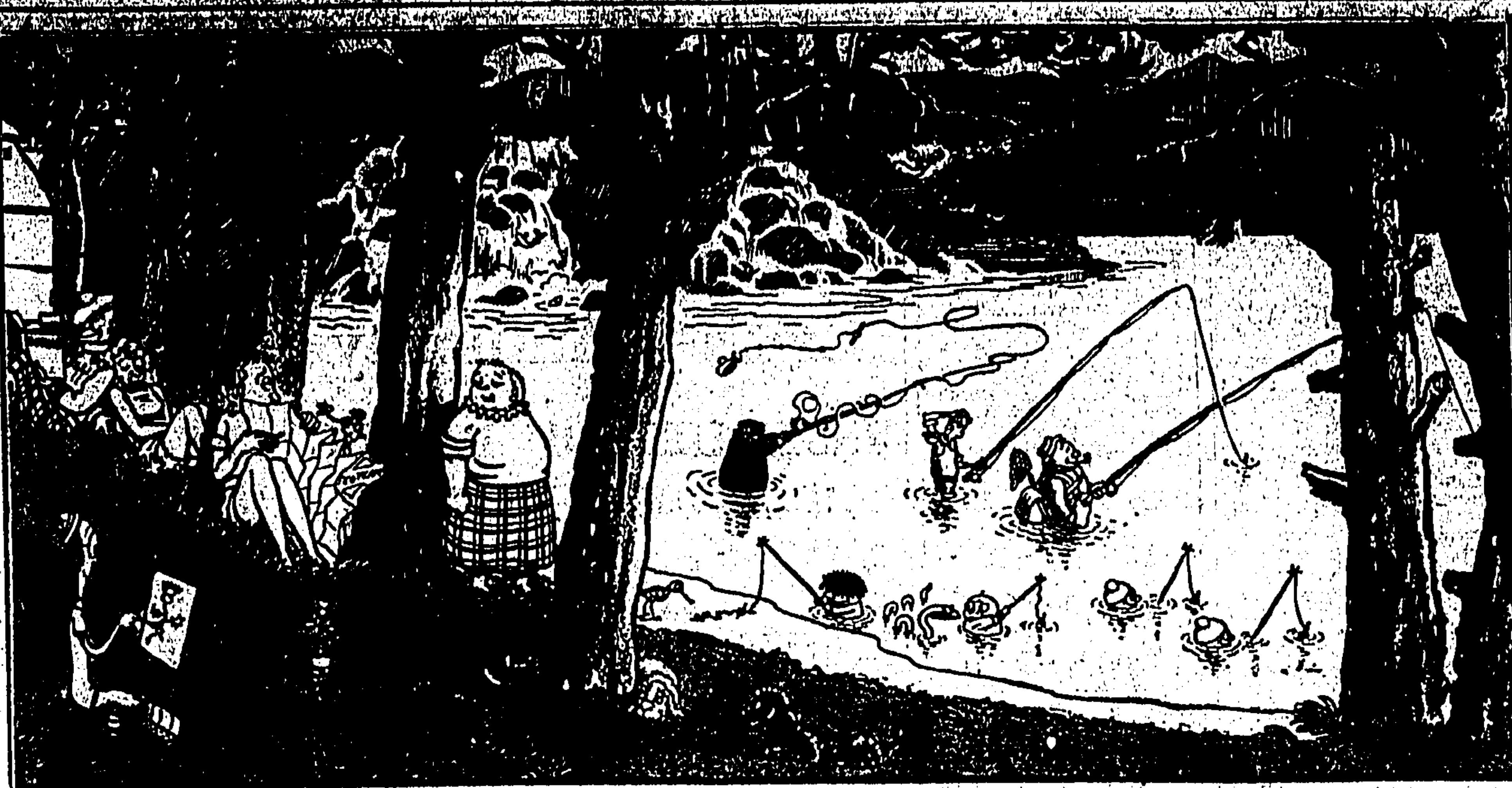
Meal tests on people and animals show that the green stuff is directly edible as soup or as a spinach-like vegetable. But methods of processing it into more acceptable foods will have to be devised.

The fat extracted from the plants could be made into margarine and cooking fat. The proteins could be processed into some meat substitute.

Would people accustom themselves to having this kind of food on their tables?

Says Professor Pearsall: "The development would involve a widening of our traditional ideas on food which have changed little since the Bronze Age, but they may now be regarded as due for expansion."

(London Express Service)



"Stand by for an acute attack of Grandma's deafness—I'm just going to tell her to get ready for home"

Giles will chart the family's return from Scotland this week. (London Express Service)

IN THE NEW QUESTION-MARK COUNTRY, ROVING REPORTER MacCOLL FINDS TOP MEN ARGUING ABOUT THE FACTS OF POLITICAL LIFE

INVASION? It's coming says the general; it isn't, says the chief of police

by RENE MacCOLL

THE QUESTION IS: Does Siam—which signed the eight-power SEATO pact to deter Communist aggression—face early Communist aggression herself—whether by invasion or by subversion?

THE ANSWER IS difficult—because top-ranking Siamese seem to have remarkably various views on the subject.

Let us first of all make our way as best we can through the waterlogged streets of Bangkok, which present one of the worst traffic problems I have ever encountered in long years of enduring 20th-century traffic problems.

Our little British-built taxi threads its way through the snarl of huge American glitter jobs and some of the many thousands of pedicabs which jam the streets (aristocratic pedicabs these, all new and smartened up

and some of them motor-bike powered).

After half an hour of fighting the muddy fight (if you ask someone why so many of the streets are partially under water you are told: "Because we are widening them") here we are at the office of Lieut. General Mouloung Kharb Kunhorn.

General Kharb (for that's the correct way to call him) is a man who, the other day, caused eyebrows to rise in chancelleries across the world by stating that a fighting force of men of Thai (Siamese) stock living in the Yunnan Province of Red China was being organised under the leadership of a former Siamese Prime Minister, Pridi Phanomyong.

He forecast that this force would in due season either come crashing into Siam with guns ablaze (by way of either Burma or Laos, because Siam has no common border with China) or would infiltrate in small bands across the jungle mountainous border and set up

the Communist standard inside the country.

Whether Kharb is long on accuracy or not, there's no getting away from the fact that the man is a whirlwind of energy.

He holds three demanding jobs, any one of them enough for most people: (1) Secretary-General to the Prime Minister;

(2) Deputy Chief of Staff of National Defence;

(3) Chief of Public Relations for the Siamese Government.

While we talked he was constantly interrupted by the arrival of obsequious officers bearing documents for the approval of Kharb in his No. 1 and No. 2 capacities.

The English words "Top secret, of course," were much in evidence among the gusts of Siamese in these aides.

Our talk was also punctuated by the repeated breakdown of the electricity supply—a recurrent thorn in Bangkok's side—and when this happened the room would go dark, all the fans stop whirling, and the beads of sweat start out on both our foreheads simultaneously.

Well, the general is sure that something is afoot in Yunnan. As he sees it, a force of 20,000 men—perhaps more—is building up and may eventually invade.

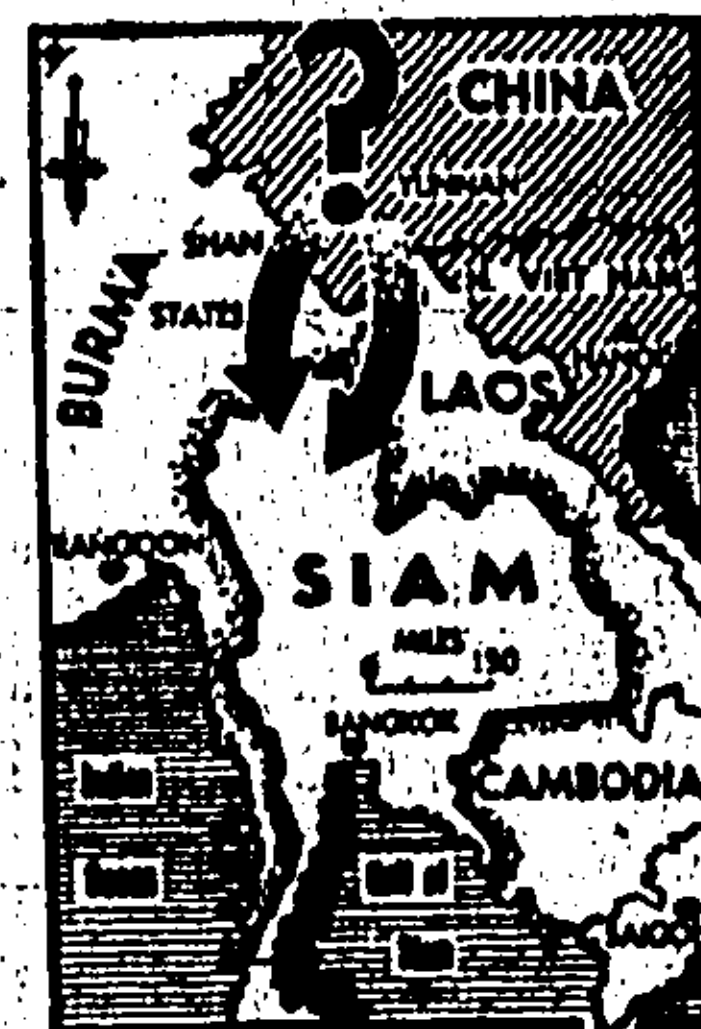
Already, he declares, the Siamese across the border are being made to build strategic roads.

Pridi Phanomyong, the former Premier? "He has made a broadcast from Peking, saying he is sponsored by Mao and inciting the uprising of the Siamese people."

The Washington report that "Mr Pridi"—that is the way that that name boils down—is under treatment for a drug addiction proves highly intriguing.

Brown-faced, twinkling and immaculate, General Kharb recalls that "the poor fellow" was wont to suffer from a nasty stomach trouble in the old days before he vanished in '48. Who knows? He might have taken to drugs as a result!

Now for the other side of the picture let's over (at eight in the morning, for he works 10 hours a day and makes appointments at strange times) to see General Phao, (pronounce it Pow) Sriyanond, boss of Siam's Ministry of the Interior and her 55,000-strong police force (bigger than her army).



He is a relaxed, friendly, intelligent man, immaculate in cream-coloured suit and light-brown display handkerchiefs in his outside breast pocket. Roast on the table. Tea and cakes. His white hair brushed carefully back.

Yunnan and the threat from beyond the border?

"Oh yes, I've heard about it—but so far there is no evidence in support of it."

There are nearly 3,000,000 Chinese living in Siam today—some-sixth of the population—but they are successful capitalists, don't you see, and not much chance that they will form a Fifth Column.

Why puny?

PHAO helps himself to a British cigarette. "I suppose it might be possible—but honestly I don't think anything is going to pop in a big way. Outside threats are not nearly as important as internal affairs, and one's grip on them."

A bugle walls outside and there come the hoarse yells of command from some of Phao's police. After all, he muses slyly, why is Communism so puny an affair in Britain?

I pause with pencil poised, expecting something about democracy and sturdy British common sense. My surprise, therefore, is the greater when he goes on: "Because your internal security is so well organised."

A man who loves his job, this. Lovingly he falls off the left-hand copers he has aloft. Over the borders—and of his 15,000-strong special border guards ("Our policy is to use them before we use the army").

Proudly he speaks of the "special plain-clothes men we maintain in every provincial town" and the "suppression squads" who are held in readiness to make for any possible spot.

Even now 30 Siamese policemen are taking a special course in Britain. And Phao himself goes to Britain in November.

Prosperous

BUT forget the Fifth Column. Forget the threat from Yunnan. It's not in the cards. The Siamese are prospering, and they are to be opened to three designated spots.

There are fewer than 500 Communists in the whole of Siam. The Thai Government is not a Communist state.

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS continues

THE JOURNAL of MADAME du PONT

IN the last instalment of the French version of Mrs Dale's Diary it was revealed that Madame Lulu Frou-Frou, the married lady contortionist, was in love with Dr du Pont and not with his son, Pierre, as was previously supposed.

But Pierre was still "mad wix love" for Madame Frou-Frou; the doctor's daughter, Marie, was still wondering whether to sell "at shop" or not. We left Madame du Pont wildly jealous of Madame Frou-Frou, and in Capitaine, the thirteenth of the series, to Madame le Brun, the doctor's mother-in-law, was up a tree as usual.

At the beginning of this broadcast Dr and Madame du Pont are at breakfast. The telephone rings.

Mme du Pont: It is 200 o'clock.

Dr du Pont: What woman?

Mme du Pont: You are what?

Dr du Pont: I am a doctor.

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Dr du Pont: She want me to visit 'er flat because she 'ave pains in 'er stomach.

Mme du Pont: Let 'er bring 'er stomach 'ere and I will give 'er more pains in it.

(The telephone rings again. The doctor jumps up from the table and grabs his stethoscope.)

Mme du Pont: No, you shall not answer.

Dr du Pont: It may be anuzzer patient.

Mme du Pont: It is not anuzzer patient and you shall not put 'er stethoscope on 'er 'orrible chest. Remember it 'ave been on my chest.

(They struggle for the stethoscope.)

Dr du Pont: Now you 'ave broken 'er stethoscope.

(Marie enters.)

Mme du Pont: I 'ave an offer of 'er money for my 'at shop.

Dr du Pont: Who 'ave 'er money?

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Mme du Pont: A Frenchman is 'ere, 'ere old. Look at 'is monster, your 'atzer.

(Pierre enters.)

Pierre: Madame Frou-Frou say on 'er telephone 'at, if 'er doctor does not visit 'er at once she will tell about my muzzer and 'er lover who keep 'er wine shop.

Dr du Pont: So. Ze man at 'er wine shop is my wife's lover?

Mme du Pont, weeping: He is not my lover.

Dr du Pont: 'Ow is it 'at we get 'er best wine so cheap if he is not your lover?

Mme du Pont, screaming: He is not my lover.

Dr du Pont, shouting: Nor is Madame Frou-Frou my lover.

Pierre: Madame Frou-Frou also say she will tell of my grandmuzzer's old lover who want to buy up 'er shop.

Mme du Pont: Now Marie is 'ere.

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Mme le Brun, weeping: You must 'elp me. Le Capitaine is up a tree wix anuzzer cat.

Dr du Pont: Ah, le Capitaine also 'ave a lover. We all 'ave lovers.

(The telephone rings again. Dr du Pont answers it.)

Dr du Pont: 'But yes, my little pigeon. Of course, my little pigeon. In a few moments I will be with you, my little pigeon.

Who is Dr du Pont's little pigeon? Is it Madame Frou-Frou? Or somebody else?

How does Madame du Pont feel 'er wine so cheap? Is it because...? I will Marie sell 'er hat shop? Who will buy it, and why? If you want to know listen with mother next week to another thrilling instalment of Mme du Pont's Journal.

Cocktail Conversation

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At one time doctors used to ask: "Are you eating well?" Today they ask: "Are you eating too much?"

Margaret's father works out the cost of everything by the price of whisky. He says a new baby car costs about 2,500 doubles, depending on the kind of bar you use.

Now he's married to a hot tempered woman, bigger he can tell you more about flying saucers than anybody.

She may be deadly dull but it was awfully unkind to introduce her as "the late Mrs Smith."

Margaret's father says he can't afford West End tailors prices at 200 doubles a suit.

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Professional Cricketers Find Plenty To Do In The Winter Months

By ALEC BEDSER

This is the time of the year in England when most of the professional cricketers are thinking what they are going to do during the close season. Although the problem is not acute nowadays—most of the seventeen counties have an all-the-year-round wage scale—the vast majority are agile in mind and body, and fear the prospect of six months idleness, even if they are financially secure.

For the luckiest there is a tour overseas but, I repeat, they are the luckiest—only 18 players from 17 counties, each with a professional playing staff of at least 15.

For others there are coaching engagements in every part of the globe where cricket is played. In the middle of September there is a veritable migration of English cricketers to South Africa. On the other hand, there is an increasing opportunity for those cricketers with coaching ability to remain at home and help in the numerous indoor cricket schools. Many of the first-class counties now have indoor winter schools, and the senior professionals have a full time job coaching school classes and club players. Middlesex, for instance, have a magnificent school at Alexandra Park, London, and hundreds of schoolboys go there every week during the winter months for tuition.

Warwickshire are the latest county club to build an indoor school. It will be opened in September at a cost of £7,000, of

which sum £5,000 has been donated by the Supporters' Association. Other cricketers find reasonable employment in the private indoor schools, one of which is run very successfully by Alf Gover and Andy Sandham, the former celebrated Surrey players. To their school in London are sent regularly every winter by their county committees, young professionals for a "polishing" course. One player made such a striking advance the following season by scoring over 2,000 runs, that he now goes there almost out of gratuitous ritual, paying his own expenses. There are plenty of professional cricketers who believe that it is a wise precaution to get away from the game during the winter months. They busy themselves in a variety of in-

terests. I know one very successful commercial traveller, another works as a coach-builder, while there are scores who find their way into business houses. One young player, Norman Harker, opening bat for Warwickshire, works with an eye on the future on the County ground at Edgbaston as assistant groundsman. In the evenings he attends night classes on turf cultivation, and hopes when his player career finishes to be able to qualify himself as a groundsman.

SOME PLAY FOOTBALL. There are some cricketers who are also footballers. There are many fine amateur soccer players from the cricketers' ranks, and several professionals. One is young Mike Barnard, a promising Hampshire batsman, and another is a Portsmouth, the First Division club.

The most famous of them all in recent years were Denis Compton and his brother Leslie (Middlesex and Arsenal), and Willie Watson (Yorkshire and Sunderland). Willie Watson played his first League football match just before he went to the West Indies last winter, and had he not lost his cricket form he would undoubtedly have made the Australian trip.

Now Willie, disappointed at not having rounded off an astonishing dual international career by being in the MCC party to Australia, plans to enter football management. He wants to start with a non-League club, and when I spoke to him recently he was full of enthusiasm over his prospects of making a success in a new sphere of sport.

Vic Wilson, who was added to the MCC party to Australia as a precautionary measure when Denis Compton had a recurrence of his troublesome knee injury, is a farmer in Yorkshire.

When he was invited to join the party he was about to begin to harvest his 35 acres, and fortunately his father, also a farmer, promised to do the job for him.

Vic also has a farmer's daughter as a wife, so he can go to Australia without any fears that his farm will not be properly looked after.

SURREY CRICKET. So Surrey, after all, pulled off the County Championship for the third time in succession. It is no secret that midway through July we had virtually abandoned hope of completing a "hat-trick" of victories, but Surrey are notoriously strong finishers, and we came along at the end with a string of victories to overhaul Yorkshire.

At one period it had seemed that nothing could stop Yorkshire from gaining their first title since 1946. Yorkshire were unlucky, because the illness of Len Hutton for the most part of the season helped to offset the return of bowlers Fred Trueman and Bob Appleyard.

I estimate Yorkshire must have lost somewhere in the region of 1,000 runs through Hutton's loss of form and long absences. Such a loss is, of course, extremely difficult to bear, although Hutton's young son, who has been at the club since he was a boy, did his best to fill the breach.

The rain made playthings of all the counties, and Yorkshire, like the rest of us, lost points through abandoned games. But we were all, so to speak, in the same boat.

RAF CRICKET TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The following are the Royal Air Force cricket teams for Saturday's League matches: RAF 1st XI v University at K. T. 11.30. RAF 2nd XI v University at K. T. 1.30. RAF 3rd XI v University at K. T. 3.30. RAF 4th XI v University at K. T. 5.30. RAF 5th XI v University at K. T. 7.30. RAF 6th XI v University at K. T. 9.30. RAF 7th XI v University at K. T. 11.30. RAF 8th XI v University at K. T. 1.30. RAF 9th XI v University at K. T. 3.30. RAF 10th XI v University at K. T. 5.30. RAF 11th XI v University at K. T. 7.30. RAF 12th XI v University at K. T. 9.30. RAF 13th XI v University at K. T. 11.30. RAF 14th XI v University at K. T. 1.30. RAF 15th XI v University at K. T. 3.30. RAF 16th XI v University at K. T. 5.30. RAF 17th XI v University at K. T. 7.30. RAF 18th XI v University at K. T. 9.30. RAF 19th XI v University at K. T. 11.30. RAF 20th XI v University at K. T. 1.30. RAF 21st XI v University at K. T. 3.30. RAF 22nd XI v University at K. T. 5.30. RAF 23rd XI v University at K. T. 7.30. 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Free World Wants More Than A Catch-Phrase

United Nations, Sept. 28.

New Zealand warned the United Nations today that the world could not relax until there was proof that the Communists regarded "peaceful co-existence" as more than "a temporary expedient and a propaganda catch-phrase."

Mr. Knox Munro, New Zealand's Ambassador to Washington and permanent representative to the United Nations, said the free nations must "build as fast as we can our collective security."

Mr. Munro's warning followed a declaration to the General Assembly by Prince Wan, Foreign Minister of Thailand, that Communist China is preparing to infiltrate his country with subversive forces sent through neighbouring Vietnam.

It tied in with a statement to the Assembly by Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, that "it is being progressively realised that armed attack is only the culminating step in the pattern of aggression that has unfolded itself during the last few years."

NO SWIFT ACTION
Mr. Munro, who sits as a member of the Security Council, told the Assembly:

"We cannot depend on the swift action by the Security Council which the Charter envisaged."

Therefore, he argued, the importance of collective security arrangements such as the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation for which New Zealand, the US and other powers recently signed a treaty at Manila, was increasing.

"There are some," said Mr. Munro, "who argue that the establishment of new collective defence organisations, even if justifiable in terms of the Charter, contributes to international tension instead of reducing it. Such action, it is suggested, casts doubt on our belief in the possibility of peaceful co-existence."

"Until we have convincing proof that Soviet and Chinese Communist leaders regard peaceful co-existence as something more than a temporary expedient and a propaganda catch-phrase, we dare not relax, or indeed do other than build as fast as we can our collective security."

"If then, as we believe, the price of freedom is eternal vigilance, that must be the price of peaceful co-existence also."

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Medical Potentialities Of Hypnotism Are Being Investigated

To most people hypnotism conjures up the mental image of a tall, dark, gaunt mystic with a piercing eye. They will hastily decline to be hypnotised for fear of finding themselves in the power of a demonic superman.

It is not difficult to understand that attitude. The common experience with hypnotism has been a stage performance where a few curious volunteers from the audience have been placed in a trance state and caused to perform various funny antics. In Britain, these turns are now tightly controlled by law.

Since the war, hypnosis has gained increasing acceptance. A number of British and American dentists are now trying it as a drugless anaesthetic. At a recent meeting of the American Dental Association, four sceptical dentists allowed Dr. William T. Heron, American psychologist, to make the hypnotic suggestion that their gums would become "as numb as your finger-tips on a wintry day." After a few moments, other dentists were asked to come forward and probe the subjects' gums with sharp-pointed instruments. They could feel nothing.

IN OBSTETRICS
Hypnosis is also gaining popularity in obstetrics. Dr. William S. Kroger, of the Chicago Medical School, has delivered more than 100 babies under hypnosis. During their months of pregnancy, the patients were conditioned by repeated suggestions that no pain would be felt during delivery. In one case, Dr. Kroger successfully made the suggestion over long-distance telephone as the person was about to enter the delivery room. Similar cases are reported in Britain.

Other uses of hypnosis include persuading over-weight people that they will find fattening foods distasteful; the treatment of pregnancy sickness; the adjustment of sexual difficulties; the encouragement of people to stop smoking and drinking.

NEUROUS DISORDERS
Hypnosis can be applied to medical treatment because psychiatrists know, for example, that many of the nervous disorders in soldiers during the war arose from unpleasant childhood memories buried in the dark hinterland of the subconscious.

Those fostered under the stress of combat, and had to be brought into the open. Hypnotism provided a quick means of doing so. "The patient could be given an insight into his behaviour, thus helping to relieve him of the emotional conflicts responsible for his troubles."

teaching those afflicted how to overcome insomnia, phyness, stammering, nail-biting and mental depression.

SMALL MINORITY
All these possibilities, however, will probably never be available to more than a small minority of subjects as only about one-third of people can be successfully hypnotised.

Sigmund Freud, the founder of psycho-analysis, was opposed to hypnosis on the grounds that a hypnotised person is willingly permitting another to supplant his own will. Freud thought that easy submission to authority is a hangover from childhood days, when parental authority was accepted without question. Thus, hypnosis might maintain people in an infantile attitude.

On the other hand, Dr. Kroger contends that hypnosis is only "suggestion," and argues that "physicians consciously or unconsciously use suggestion, and call it the art of medicine. A mother singing a lullaby to her baby is using concealed suggestion. A good entertainer, or a successful salesman, is, too. Repetitious radio commercials—indeed all advertising—is based on a mild type of waking hypnotic suggestion."

In his new book, "How to Conquer Nerves," Dr. S. J. Van Pelt, President of the British Society of Medical Hypnotists, expresses the view that nervous and allied complaints result from a form of accidental self-hypnosis. The same principles, but used scientifically, involving the very lightest form of hypnosis, can be employed to cure the conditions.

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Curbing Sex Laxity In New Zealand

Wellington, Sept. 28.

Three bills, designed to curb sexual laxity among juveniles in New Zealand were given a second reading before the House of Representatives here to-night.

This means the sweeping new measures, which virtually outlawed the use of contraceptives, will be read a third time—considered a formality—before the House, which is nearing the end of its session and approaching a general election on November 18.—China Mail Special.

Before they can be enforced the measures must be read a third time—considered a formality—before the House, which is nearing the end of its session and approaching a general election on November 18.—China Mail Special.

Yugoslav Navy Chief In U.K.

London, Sept. 28.

Vice-Admiral Miro Jarkovic, Commander-in-Chief of the Yugoslav Navy, accompanied by six senior Yugoslav naval officers met British Admiralty chiefs here today.

The party—the first Yugoslav naval delegation to come to Britain—is on a 10-day visit as guests of the British Navy to discuss officer training, training in destroyers and minesweeping technique, ship construction and repairs.—Reuter.

French-American Meeting

Washington, Sept. 28.

The third French-American meeting on Indo-China at the State Department here today consisted of an exchange of views on technicalities regarding economic and financial problems in Indo-China, a reliable source said.

The main subject was the question of U.S. aid to the French expeditionary forces in Indo-China. The source said the U.S. was not prepared to discuss the maintenance of French troops in Indo-China.

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Arrives Oct. 4 from Singapore.
Sails Oct. 5 for Fusan, Kobe & Yokohama.

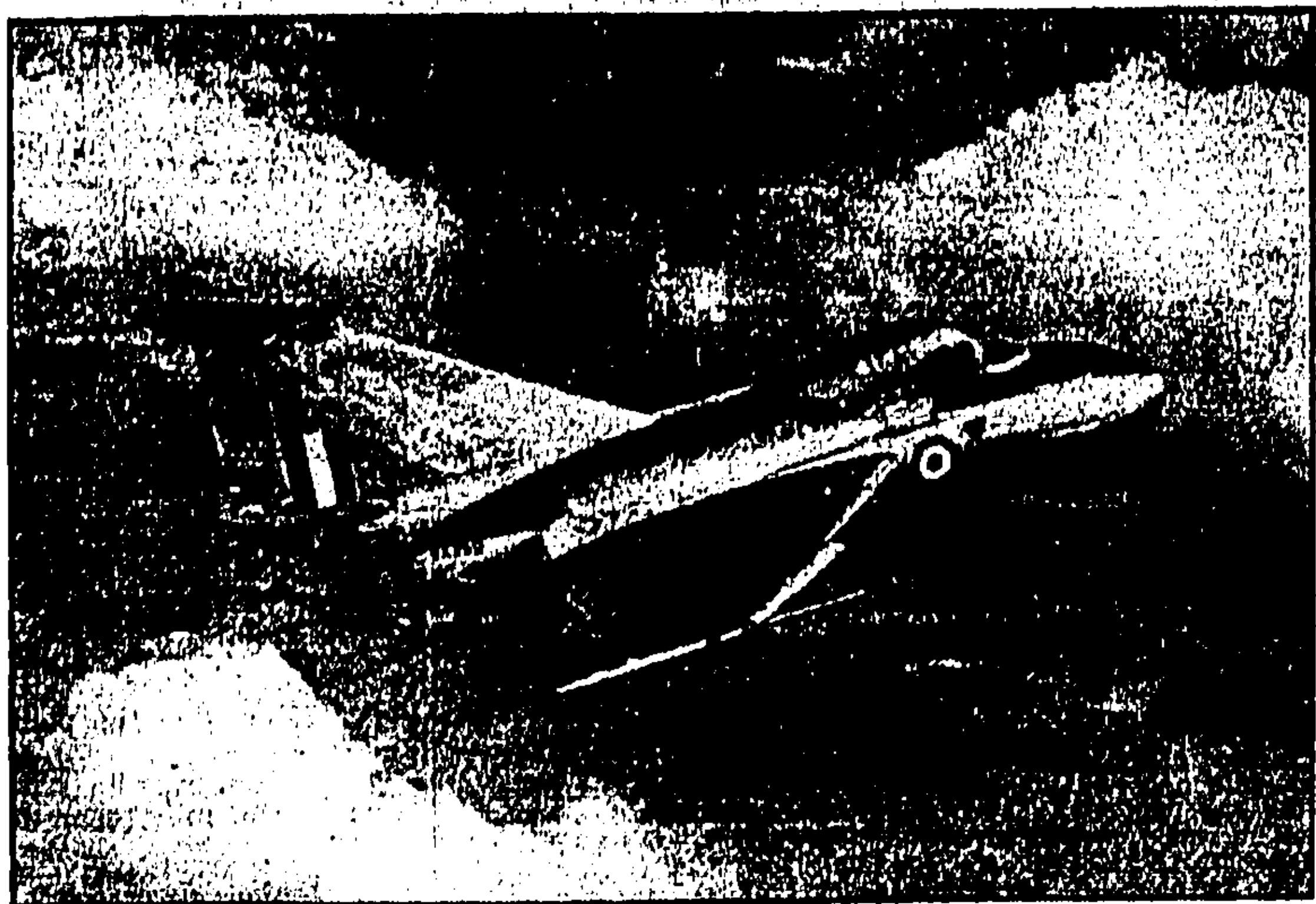
"LAO"

Arrives Oct. 9 from Japan.
Sails Oct. 10 for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Basrah, Khorramshahr, Kuwait & Bahrain.
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EXPERIMENTAL DELTA RESEARCH AIRCRAFT



The Fairy Aviation Co. Ltd. had this machine on display at the Farnborough Air Display. The Delta (one iton Royce Derwent jet engine) was built as an experimental delta-wing research aircraft. — Express Photo.

Future Aircraft May Have Nuclear Engines

Now that nuclear power has become a reality for submarines, it is certain that before many years have elapsed aircraft will also be equipped with nuclear propulsion.

The first difficulty which is likely to arise is that of shielding the crew of the aircraft from the dangers of radioactivity. The weight of the metal shields which atomic-powered aircraft will have to carry will be great, and consequently the length of take-off and landing-runs will be much increased by comparison with those of today.

Moreover, it inevitably follows that the runways of the future will have to be able to bear vastly greater weights than those of today, which are already expensive to construct.

The cost of building runways suitable for atomic-powered aircraft will be such that many countries may well choose to consider the use of the flying-boat as the starting point for their experiments in this direction.

It has been estimated by Saunders-Roe, the company which built the huge Princess flying-boats, that for years to come the minimum all-up weight of an aircraft designed to use atomic propulsion will be in the region of 500,000 lbs. It may well be still higher.

One of the advantages of the atomic power-plant is that its fuel consumption will be negligible for practical purposes. The corollary is obvious—that in future, landing weight will inevitably be a higher proportion of take-off weight.

In order to give high performance, and keep the size of the aircraft within reasonable proportions, high wing-loading for take-off will have to be accepted. Wing loading, in turn, will be much the same as at take-off, and a long landing-run will result. Saunders-Roe believe that this fact, coupled with the huge size of the aircraft, will put the landplane out of court.

The sea offers runways of unlimited length which are cheap, ready for use, and indestructible. Hence, the conclusion is that the flying-boat is the natural medium for atomic propulsion.

Behind the scenes, aerodynamic and hydro-dynamic research has been going forward which will enable Saunders-Roe to design flying-boats of the size required. In fact 60 per cent of this size has already been achieved in the shape of the Princess boats. This fact indicates that Britain will be as quick to take up the challenge of nuclear propulsion as she was to develop the gas-turbine engine.

Air freight in Britain is a business which is going from strength to strength. One company, Silver City Airways, started in 1948 by carrying 70 vehicles across the Channel in Bristol Freighters. In 1953 it carried nearly 40,000 vehicles on the cross-Channel routes.

In July 1954, air freight movements in the U.K. were up by 40 per cent as compared with July 1953. The Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation reports that this substantial increase (to a total of 14,110 short tons) was mainly due to increases in cross-Channel ferry traffic. This traffic is largely carried by Bristol Freighters, which accounted for over 10,000 tons, i.e. 70 per cent of the total.

The operations of Silver City have grown so rapidly that the company has built and opened a new airport, Ferryfield, which

is the nearest aerodrome to France in the country.

It is believed to be the first airfield in the world which was designed especially to deal with vehicle traffic as opposed to passengers.

Its construction is a handsome tribute to the aircraft which has operated the Channel ferry ever since it began in 1948—the Bristol Freighter.

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The Freighter is an economical, sturdy aircraft which can carry three cars with their passengers. About 190 have already been sold, and it is still in production, though it was first introduced six years ago.

Recently the Freighters of Silver City Airways established a record by making 222 Channel crossings in one day between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Landings and take-offs were taking place at the rate of one every 80 seconds, making the day one of the most intensive commercial operations in the history of air transport.

One of the fastest airborne rescue operations recorded took place in Yorkshire recently. Two Royal Air Force jet fighters collided at 20,000 ft. over farmland near Driffield. Both pilots baled out using their ejector-seats, and other aircraft reported it by wireless to their base at Linton-on-Ouse, forty miles away.

A Bristol Sycamore helicopter was immediately sent out to pick up the two men, and it was actually airborne before one of the pilots involved in the crash touched the ground with his parachute. Both pilots were back at base within two hours of the accident; it would have taken at least twice as long to recover them by road.

Discovery of almost 900 new asteroids or "pips-squeak" planets is reported by an Indian University astronomer who said the findings should help reduce a potential traffic hazard of any future travel in space.

Dr Frank Edmondson told the American Astronomical Society that the tiny heavenly wanderers—ranging in diameter from two miles to 60 miles—had been spotted during a five-year search.

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He said work was now progressing to compute their orbits, or pathways through space, so they could be added to the list of other baby planets whose orbits are already known.

Asteroids are believed to be the pieces of planets which exploded ages ago—or perhaps even chunks of planetary material which never became assembled into a full-size planet. The biggest known asteroid is 480 miles in diameter. Edmondson said the discovery would help in charting the heavens.

The asteroids would be a "cosmic highway" if they could be used as "cosmic highways" to

smallest one would mean destruction for a spaceship at the tremendous speed it would be travelling after leaving the earth.

He told the society that special charts were already being drawn up by Indiana University scientists with the support of the U.S. Government Office of Naval Research and the U.S. Army's Office of Ordnance Research.

Airship experts from Britain, America, and Germany are expected to attend a lighter-than-air Reunion at the Royal Aero Club, Park Lane, in November. Among the topics for discussion are the possibility of resuming airship construction in Britain and a memorial to commemorate the first successful crossing by air of the Atlantic Ocean by the airship R34 in July 1919.

Airship pioneers and captains, members of their crews, and designers and constructors of airships will be present. Men who were concerned in constructing airships at the former great airship centre of Cardington, near Bedford, will be there.

The massive airship sheds at Cardington remain as a reminder of the days when it seemed that Bedford might become the world's greatest airship station.

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Said the organising secretary of the reunion, Mr J. Fairley: "I believe there is still a future for airships in a peaceful world, and that by using helium the only real danger will be eliminated."

He believes that really big airships, metal clad, and capable of 80-90 knots, could provide two-day Atlantic crossings with 200 passengers at fares and with amenities comparable with steamships.

A man who was experimenting with heavier-than-air machines even before the Wright Brothers met with success is Mr Reginald M. Balston, of Boughton Court, East Sutton, Kent.

Now 83, Mr Balston has always claimed to be the first to have flown a propelled model aeroplane. He built this model, which he was a boy. Many people have said that his claim was justified.

Some years later, at about the time Blériot flew the Channel, Mr Balston was experimenting with a bird-like aeroplane of his own design.

The body was built of bicycle tubing and it was fitted with a 25 h.p. engine acquired from Mr (now Sir) Frederick Handley Page. The propeller was above the tail. But all attempts to get this "bird" to "leave" the ground failed.

Eventually Mr Balston dropped aerodynamics and took up sailing as a hobby.

He is still of a mechanical turn of mind, and has lately been working on a model of a

Australia Will Press For A Review Of Imperial Preference

Melbourne, Sept. 28. Two Australian Cabinet Ministers are leaving for London in October to press for a review of the Empire preference system which they claim favours Britain at the expense of Australia, authoritative sources here say. The Ministers will head an Australian party at the London Commonwealth Conference preceding the General Meeting on GATT late in October.

The Ministers are Mr John McEwen for Commerce and Agriculture, and Senator Neil O'Sullivan for Trade and Customs.

The sources said the Ministers will present proposals strongly favouring the retention of Empire preference and will seek Commonwealth support for a

move in GATT to cancel the "no new preferences" clause in the agreement which prevents Commonwealth countries increasing margins of protection.

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Canberra sources said the Finance Minister, Sir Arthur Fadden, will also put forward a case to review and overhaul Empire preferences when he joins other Commonwealth Finance Ministers in Ottawa in October, before the IMF meeting.

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, said that New Zealand would be represented at Commonwealth talks in October on the Ottawa Agreement. Preferences by the Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Bernard Ashwin.

Mr Holland, who did not state where the talks would be held, said they would follow preliminary discussions at Ottawa by representatives of Commonwealth countries which are parties to GATT.—China Mail Special.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Sept. 28. Narrowly irregular fluctuations accompanied a less active trade in cotton futures today.

Small alternate surges of hedge selling and realising balanced off a routine domestic mill on exporter demand. Some replacement buying after Monday's sharp reaction cushioned the declines.

At the close, the list ruled off one to up 9 points. Opening prices were off 7 to up 1 point. New Orleans, closed off 3 to up 8 points.

The issuance of 59 delivery notices accounted for some spot month liquidation in the forenoon. Open contracts in October had been whittled down to 71,100 bales at the start of trading today.

Experts thought the market was in the process of consolidating its position after last week's rise to new seasonal highs, and a cumulative advance of \$5 a bale from the level existing just before the Government's September crop estimate. A little more than a dollar of that gain has since been erased.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

	Volume	Open Interest
Oct.	108,400	87,000
Nov.	22,100	10,400
Dec.	31,100	12,400
Jan.	23,300	27,400
Feb.	9,100	10,000
Mar.	2,900	57,000
Apr.	1,100	1,500
Total	208,100	241,900 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

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